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1. [redacted] five suspicious looking persons bought tickets to Uckro at Elsterwerda the morning of 8 October. When VPs checked the train in Uckro, shooting occurred in the course of which one VP kommissar was killed and two other VPs were wounded. The civilians involved in the fight escaped. On the same day, a search operation involving several thousand VPs and covering the area near Duben in the Luckau Kreis was started. One man was arrested.
2. On the evening of 15 October, a search was initiated from the Uckro-Neuhof railroad line. A special train carrying more than 600 VPs left Uckro for Rangsdorf. At the individual railroad stations on this line VP details left the train. In the course of this search operation, 1 VP Rat from Cottbus, 1 VP Kommissar, and 1 VP Oberwachtmeister were shot dead on 16 October. A total of 12 wounded persons were turned in to the hospital in Luckau.
3. The search operation continued until 20 October. Five special trains loaded with VP personnel including 3,000 men who had allegedly come from the Island of Ruegen arrived in Uckro. Ten field kitchens were seen on the Ring in Luckau and 12 more field kitchens on the athletic field.
4. On 18 October, [redacted] strong VP units employed in the Luebben area. The town and its vicinity was being patrolled by patrols in the strength of up to five men. The control of passengers was very strict at the local railroad station. The VP personnel involved in these operations wore blue uniforms and were armed with submachine guns. On 18 October, 60 more VPs arrived in Luebben from the direction of Cottbus. They left the town on trucks [redacted] toward the autobahn. Sedan [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] were also seen in this convoy.
5. On 19 October, [redacted] a large-scale search was under way for five Czechs including a woman who were trying to escape to West Berlin. The Czechs had killed a VP on the Saxon border. One of the Czechs was, allegedly, arrested in "Middle" Germany. He is said to have stated that he and his comrades, Czech officers, were on their way to West Berlin. On 17 October, the refugees, allegedly, killed four more VPs in the Koenigswusterhausen area. During the reported period, the Autobahn Circuit of Berlin was being guarded by VP sentries armed with carbines and submachine guns. The VP sentries were placed

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at intervals of 100 meters.

6. The morning of 20 October, [] eight trucks and a total of 80 KVPs who were carrying field equipment and were armed with carbines and sub-machine guns camping about 100 meters west of Brand railroad station. KVP double sentries were placed 200 to 300 meters apart along the railroad embankment and in the wooded area between Brand and Luebben. Tents and camp fires were seen in the entire area. At all major railroad stations of the line loudspeakers warned the population against bands of armed agents who had already killed several KVPs. 25X1
7. On 20 October, [] the Elsterwerda-Berlin railroad line was guarded by VP personnel after the Gelsen railroad station. Between Mahlow and Schoenefeld, VP personnel who wore blue uniforms were placed 25 meters apart on both sides of the railroad line. 25X1
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